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Honorable Anthony D. Stratton
Board Chair

Brian K. Bishop
Executive Director

Minutes for Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services Regular meeting of May 1, 2003 Capitol Annex, Room 113 1:00 P.M.

Chairman Stratton called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

Chairman Stratton asked the recording Secretary, Darby McDonald to call roll.

Dr. Eric Bentley – Present
Shawn Bixler – Present
John Blumenstock – Present
Lee Brown – Present
Greg Brown – Present
Jimmy Cornelison - Present
Bob Dixon – Present
Mayor Dodd Dixon – Present

Dr. Mary Fallat - Absent
David Gray – Present
Mary Guidugli – Absent
Julie Johnson – Absent
Jamey Locke – Absent
Bill Martin – Present
Judge Anthony Stratton – Present
Mike Swift – Present
Dr. Jane Wiczkowski - Present

Chairman Stratton called for determination of quorum. The quorum was met with 13 present.

Chairman Stratton introduced Mr. Joshua Salsburey of the law firm Sturgill, Turner, Barker and Moloney. Mr. Salsburey will be representing the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services.

Approval of Minutes:

David Gray made a motion to approve the March 6, 2003 minutes as submitted, seconded by Bob Dixon. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

Chairman Stratton called for public comment. No public comment was offered.



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Budget Report:

Chairman Stratton called on Mr. Ashley Davis to report on the Budget. Mr. Davis reported on the memorandum of agreement for the emergency fund monies. He informed the Board that agreements should be approved by May 15, at which time checks will be distributed out to all services. Mr. Davis also reported on the April 30, 0100 and 1200 financial and organizational funds. Mr. Davis informed the Board of an over-run of the 0100 personnel funds of one year compensation for Mr. Keith Smith, a Regional Advisor Inspector, while he only worked for two (2) months out of the year due to deployment with the military. These monies cannot be retrieved.

Mr. Davis presented the Board with a letter from Deniese Pyles, Personnel Administrator with the Finance and Administration Cabinet, Office of Management and Budget, stating nepotism will not be involved in Mrs. Charlotte O'Neal's volunteering to serve as State Trauma Coordinator, as Mrs. O'Neal will be reporting to Dr. Fallat not Mr. Charles O'Neal.

Jimmy Cornelison made a motion to accept the Budget report presented by Ashley Davis. Seconded by Bob Dixon, motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

EMT-I Program:

Bob Dixon made a motion for Board approval of an EMT-I pilot program and to ask that the program be taught in the central office by KBEMS staff and other adjunct faculty as needed. Seconded by Dr. Bentley. Motion failed with a vote 5-7-0. Lee Brown, Jimmy Cornelison Mayor Dixon, David Gray, Bill Martin, Mike Swift and Dr. Wiczkowski voted no and Greg Brown recused from vote.

Communication Task Force:

At the request of the Board chair Judge Stratton, Executive Director Brian Bishop and Deputy Director Charles O'Neal reviewed the issue of a communication regulation for dispatch centers and public answering centers. Mr. Bishop has been in contact with David Pirttle of The Department of Justice Training Center, Lt. Colonel Robert Milligan of the Kentucky State Police, and Chief Greg Bobblitt of the Anderson County Police. Mr. Bishop stated that they have all agreed to serve on the Communication Task Force. Upon request, Bill Martin volunteered to serve on the Communication Task Force, as well. Chairman Stratton so appointed Bill Martin.

State Medical Advisor Report:

Chairman Stratton called on the State Medical Advisor, Dr. Daniel O'Brien for his report. Dr. O'Brien recommended Board approval of the following protocols: Air Evac, all Kentucky locations with the exception of LMA and DNR protocols; Morgan County, Twin City Ambulance/Fulton Fire with changes; Lee County, with recommended changes; Left Beaver Fire and Rescue; Transcare of Kentucky, TraumaDex protocol addition; Northern Kentucky Cincinnati Airport; Adair County Ambulance Service, epi-pen protocol; Med Center at Bowling Green EMS, verification of ET tube placement, head injury protocol and RSI adult and pediatric protocol; Hardin County EMS; Paris-Bourbon County EMS with the exception of

the LMA protocol; MedFlight of East Kentucky; AMR-Evansville, Indiana, approve with the exception of rapid sequence intubations protocol; and Life MICU's protocol was denied.

Dr. O'Brien stated that this was not due to the content of the protocol, as to the protocol being based on an Ohio protocol and was not consistent with Kentucky regulations.

Dr. Bentley made a motion to accept the following protocols as presented by the State Medical Advisor, Dr. O'Brien. Seconded by Bill Martin, motion passed with a vote 12-0, Shawn Bixler recused from voting.

Approval of Forms:

Executive Director, Brian Bishop informed the Board members that as part of the regulation process KBEMS is required to have all official forms submitted to the Board for approval.

Dr. Bentley made a motion to approve all forms that were submitted to the Board with the exception of the Course Summary report and Application for Ambulance Provider Licensing form. Seconded by Shawn Bixler, motion passed with a vote 12-1, Lee Brown voting no.

Committee Reports:

Medical Standards/ALS BLS Scope of Practice Committee Report:

Medical Directors:

Dr. Bentley made a motion to approve medical directors upon noted contingencies: Henderson Ambulance Service/Emergency Medical Services, Dr. Stanley Taraska, Transcare Ambulance Service, Dr. Ronald McFarland contingent upon completion of ATLS, ACLS and PALS by November 1, 2003; Lee County Ambulance Service, Dr. James L. Hurm, Life MICU, Dr. Wayne Blackburn Wheeler; Breathitt County Ambulance Service, Dr. G. Edward contingent upon completion of ATLS, ACLS and PALS by November 1, 2003; Twin City Ambulance/Fulton Fire Department, Dr. F. Gregory Cox contingent upon completion of ATLS, ACLS and PALS by November 1, 2003; MedFlight of East Kentucky, Dr. Raymond C. Jackson; Allen County Ambulance Service, Dr. Lee D. Carter; Caldwell County EMS, Dr. David French; Life First, Inc. Dr. Stephen Grover and On-Site Critical Care, Dr. Robert F. Huxol contingent upon completion of ACLS by November 1, 2003. Seconded by Bob Dixon, motion passed with a vote 11-2. Shawn Bixler and John Blumenstock recused from voting.

Exemptions:

Dr. Bentley made a motion to approve an exemption request from North American Stainless to allow a non-ambulance service entity to participate in the combitube pilot program, contingent upon providing KBEMS with a letter of agreement with the transporting service. Seconded by Shawn Bixler, motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bentley made a motion to approve an exemption request from Muhlenberg Community Hospital EMS allowing Dr. M. Dean Carrigan until November 1, 2003 to obtain his ATLS. Seconded by Shawn Bixler, motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bentley made a motion to approve an exemption request from Twin City Ambulance Service on the 24 hour ALS requirement, giving the service 12 months for paramedics to complete class. Seconded by Dr. Wiczkowski, motion passed with a vote 12-1 Shawn Bixler recused from voting.

Dr. Bentley made a motion to approve an exemption request from Leslie County to operate part time ALS with the restriction of a 12-month exemption period, until they can provide the 24-hour coverage. Seconded by John Blumenstock, motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bentley made a motion to approve an exemption to the regulation for On-Site Critical Care, allowing them to advertise availability of their services with the restriction they also advertise that they are without a license and they will have to obtain a license upon provision contract to provide service. Seconded by Shawn Bixler, motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bentley made a motion to ask that the Board direct KBEMS staff to develop a curriculum for supplemental training and protocol for statewide use of the Mark I antidote kit by EMT's and Paramedics. Seconded by Bob Dixon, motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bentley made a motion to have all services that desire to use the LMA pilot program to follow the state approved LMA pilot program protocol. Seconded by John Blumenstock, motion passed unanimously.

EMS-C Committee Report:

Judge Stratton called on Tom Taylor to report on the EMS-C committee. Mr. Taylor informed the Board that the Thomas J. Burch packets have been completed and are being distributed. Extra packets are available to providers requesting them.

Executive Director Report:

Executive Director, Brian Bishop reported on the following issues:

Mr. Bishop supplied the Board members with a list detailing the cost for equipment and field staff equipping and preparation. This list was requested at the March 6, 2003 Board meeting due to several entities requesting KBEMS field staff to be self sufficient in a response role since the incident in Corbin, Kentucky, in which Regional Advisor Inspector Letch Day was instrumental in working with the providers in that incident.

Dr. Bentley made a motion to approve the compiled report as presented by Mr. Bishop. Seconded by Bob Dixon, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bishop recommend to the Board that they direct staff to adopt the language included in the proposed regulations as guidance on dealing with the issue of recertification or re-licensing of certificate and license holders who are members of the National Guard or Military Reserve and have been called to active duty roles in the United States Military, and that the Board grant the Executive Director and Deputy Director the authority to determine the appropriateness of the request and to grant a requested extension based on the proposed language:

A certified fire responder, emergency medical technician or licensed paramedic, in good standing, who is a member of a National Guard or a military reserve unit and is called to active duty by presidential order pursuant to 10 USC 121 and 673b may be given an extension for a period up to one (1) year after release from active duty to meet the applicable requirements for recertification listed in section 3 of this administrative regulation. The one (1) year extension may be granted only when written application is made to the KBEMS office for the extension prior to the expiration date of the certificate.

Jimmy Cornelison made a motion to accept the recommendation to adopt language presented by Executive Director, Brian Bishop, seconded by Shawn Bixler, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bishop and Deputy Director, Charles O'Neal have meet with a vendor regarding data collection. They are still seeking the appropriate service and will continue to work with vendors toward getting a data base compatible to the needs of KBEMS.

Dr. Bentley made a motion to accept Mr. O'Neal's request to that the Board would consider for a potential motion as an additional agenda item, seconded by Shawn Bixler. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. O'Neal asked that the Board consider making a motion to endorse the concept of development of an EMT-I program for the Commonwealth and that staff be directed to develop a pilot program including staff recommendation of:

- faculty to be used;
- curriculum, texts, and other training materials to be used; and
- student selection, evaluation and testing process with the understanding that students selected will be notified that completion of the training and testing process will not necessarily guarantee that they will be authorized to practice as an EMT-I in Kentucky.

Chairman Stratton made a motion for Board consideration of Mr. O'Neal's concept of the EMT-I program development, seconded by Bill Martin. Motion failed with a vote 9-4, Lee Brown, Jimmy Cornelison, Mayor Dixon, and David Gray all voting no.

Executive Session:

Quality Assurance/Ethics:

Dr. Wiczkowski made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of disciplinary issues, pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (f). Seconded by Mike Swift, motion passed unanimously.

Judge Stratton asked that Becky Conner, Paralegal for KBEMS sit in during Executive Session.

Judge Stratton made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Shawn Bixler, motion passed unanimously. No action was taken during Executive Session.

Dr. Bentley made a motion to accept the following recommendations.

2002-027

EMT Certificate No. 40625

Motion to accept agreed order, private reprimand, 5-year probation beginning 12/6/2001, ending 12/6/2005 and a \$500.00 fine. Seconded by David Gray, motion passed unanimously.

2002-049

EMT Certificate No. 18658

Motion to accept order. Seconded by Bob Dixon, motion passed unanimously.

2002-071

Applicant for EMT

Motion to accept conciliation agreement. Seconded by Dr. Wiczkowski, motion failed with a vote 6-7, Shawn Bixler, John Blumenstock, Lee Brown, Bob Dixon, Mayor Dixon, Bill Martin, and Mike Swift, all voting no.

2003-009

EMT Certificate No. 37097

Motion to accept conciliation agreement, one year unrestricted probation of EMT certificate. Withdrawal of paramedic application for one (1) year, and a \$300 fine. Seconded by Jimmy Cornelison, motion passed with a vote 11-1-0, Bob Dixon voting no and Lee Brown recused from voting.

Dr. Bentley asked to amend his Medical Standards report.

Dr. Bentley made a motion for Board approval of his committee's vote and recommendation to ask the Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association program committee to implement a medical directors update regarding regulations and current status of medical directors of the commonwealth at the next Board meeting. Seconded by Dr. Wiczkowski, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.